

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 605
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Myra Byrd, a fifth grade teacher at Alpha Elementary School, on being chosen Hamblen County Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, each year, after a rigorous selection process, Hamblen County teachers select a Teacher of the Year for grades five through eight; and

WHEREAS, Myra Byrd, a popular and highly respected fifth grade teacher at Alpha Elementary School, was appropriately honored as the 1998 Hamblen County Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Byrd's mother, Fay Byrd, is a retired 35-year teacher, who taught for 23 productive years at Alpha Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Myra received her Master of Arts Degree from East Tennessee State University and has done post-graduate work at Carson-Newman College; and

WHEREAS, she is the manager of the school banking program and is the fifth grade science fair coordinator; and

WHEREAS, in the finest tradition of the Volunteer State, Ms. Byrd lends her time and leadership to numerous community activities, including leadership in the "adoption" of residents at the Life Care Center of Jefferson City, the Humane Society, Noah's ArcPeople for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), and the National Arbor Day Foundation and her class recycles and participates in the school composting program; and

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WHEREAS, her lengthy list of awards and honors include being the 1996 winner of the East Tennessee State University Kappa Delta Phi Innovative Teacher grand prize, for her outstanding project, "Investors In Learning, Inc. — A Classroom Economy", which emphasized the use of a classroom as a vehicle for the acquisition of economic skills; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated and diligent teacher tries to instill the "importance of being responsible." She has stated "The classroom economy program teaches students the type of responsible behavior that will help them become better students and is a prerequisite of obtaining a higher level of education and eventually landing a job in the real world."; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Elementary School principal, Dr. Julia Price says, "She brought with her a business background that she has incorporated into her classroom with the banking program. She is a caring teacher. She expects the best from her students, and she set high standards that she meets as well."; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize one of our best and brightest teachers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Myra Byrd on being named Hamblen County Teacher of the Year and extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.